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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Colson et al. EXAMINER: Befumo  
 SERIAL NO.: 09/869,941 GROUP: 1771  
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 FOR: NON WOVEN FABRIC AND METHOD AND APPARATUS  
 FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

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Sir:

FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
 AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 2, 2004, please amend the attached application as set forth herein. Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2. Remarks begin on Page 8.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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